

Teresa 'Teri' Miles

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By Sophia Miles

Teresa Louise Miles, age 72, passed away on July 2, 2023, in Eureka, California, surrounded by loved ones. Possessing an extraordinary ability to form lasting friendships wherever she went, Teresa's warmth and kindness made an enduring impression on those fortunate enough to know her. She harbored no negative thoughts, always seeing the good in others and any situation. Her trust in others was a defining quality, shaping her character and endearing her to all who encountered her.

Born on June 22, 1951, Teresa embarked on a journey filled with compassion and understanding. A lover of sweets and history documentaries, Teresa had an insatiable curiosity for the world. Her desire to explore new places and cultures left an indelible mark on everyone she encountered. With a craving for knowledge and a resolute belief in the transformative power of education, Teresa pursued higher education. After studying at Marylhurst College in Portland, Oregon and the University of Portland Salzburg Extension Program, she earned a Bachelor of Art from the University of Montana.

Among her many passions, Teresa held a deep love for art. Her talent for creating realistic portraits that appeared like photographs captured the essence of her artistic abilities. Teresa's artwork will forever be cherished and admired by those who were fortunate to experience its beauty.

Teresa, however, felt that her most important accomplishment was her adoption of Sophia, an orphaned child from China. Teresa was so proud to become a mother. Her boundless love and nurturing nature knew no bounds as she provided a loving home for Sophia, fostering a love of learning and travel, as well as a solid work ethic in her daughter.

Teresa approached every situation with patience, even when faced with unfamiliar circumstances. Even during her battle with cancer, Teresa maintained an unwavering positivity and resilience. Her steadfast mindset became a beacon of inspiration, not only for her loved ones but for anyone who had the privilege of witnessing her strength. She taught us the importance of maintaining a positive outlook, demonstrating the power of mindset in overcoming life's challenges.

Teresa's memory will continue to live on in the hearts of all who loved her. She leaves behind a legacy of kindness, resilience, and the importance of maintaining a positive perspective. The lessons she imparted and the love she shared will forever guide and inspire those whose lives she touched.

Teresa is survived by her beloved daughter, Sophia Miles; her brothers, Joseph Miles, Jim (James) Miles, and Steve Miles; her sister, Mary Marinaccio; along with many other family members, and friends. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, John and Ruth Miles; her brothers, John Miles, Jr., Michael Miles, Sr., and Thomas Miles, and her godchild Jenifer Miles.